



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Margaret McGlynn, esteemed resident of Belleville
3 and a senior at Althoff Catholic High School, has achieved
4 national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by being
5 named one of the top two youth volunteers in Illinois and a
6 recipient of the 2006 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

7 WHEREAS, This prestigious award, presented by Prudential
8 Financial in partnership with the National Association of
9 Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across
10 America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to
11 serving their communities; as a State Honoree, Ms. McGlynn will
12 receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and a
13 trip to Washington, D.C., for a series of national recognition
14 events; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. McGlynn helped create a teen mentoring program
16 that has provided friendship, support, and positive role models
17 over the past three years for more than 200 severely abused and
18 neglected children in a local transitional residence; in a
19 passionate effort to ease the sadness in the young lives at the
20 Don Bosco Children's Center, she and her sister decided to
21 recruit high school volunteers to spend time with the kids and
22 hopefully help to heal their emotional wounds; and

23 WHEREAS, After filling out long government forms and
24 attending many meetings and orientation sessions on child
25 abuse, Ms. McGlynn and her sister began looking for mentors,
26 but had difficulty finding any; they encountered much prejudice
27 among their peers toward the children at Don Bosco; eventually
28 the sisters were able to persuade several schoolmates to join
29 them, and the number of mentors has increased to more than 24;
30 the high school students play games with the young children,
31 tutor and read to them, take them on field trips, and often
32 just talk or listen to them; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. McGlynn also collects clothing, books, toys,
2 and bicycles for the Don Bosco residents and keeps in touch
3 with the children she mentors long after they leave the
4 facility; and

5 WHEREAS, The success of the State of Illinois, the strength
6 of our communities, and the overall vitality of American
7 society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication of young
8 people like Ms. McGlynn who use their considerable talents and
9 resources to serve others; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate and honor Margaret McGlynn for being a
13 recipient of a Prudential Spirit of Community Award, and we
14 recognize her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer
15 leadership, and community spirit; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Margaret McGlynn as a token of our respect and
18 esteem and with our best wishes for her continued success and
19 happiness.